

Life In The Sewers...



April O'Neil (Judith Hoag) and Raphael

New York. A city plagued with a soaring crime rate. A place where every night brings new dangers for the unwary. The police are powerless against the growing gangs of teen fiends and cannot cope with the atrocities they and other criminals commit. Into this dark and depressing atmosphere has come a new ray of hope. Just when New Yorkers believed they could never set out after dark, a new breed of hero has arisen. They're green, mean and live in the sewers. Yes folks, the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* are here and they're going to save the world.

For reporter extraordinaire April O'Neil, the existence of mutated turtles living in the city's sewerage system along with their mentor, a giant rat is more than the story of the decade, it's a battle for her life! But it was more than just April O'Neil who was blown away by these four fighting green ninja's, Judith Hoag, the actress who plays April in the film, found them absolutely fascinating.

"They're really amazing little guys," she said. "Once they had those costumes on their personalities came through and each of them was really, really, wonderful. After the initial shock wears off, it's like being entertained by these four funny looking guys who actually turn out to

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be attractive looking with all these muscles."

The costumes, designed by the late Jim Henson's Creature Shop, did have their drawbacks. Their oppressive nature meant the fighting foursome had to have "time out" - it was during these breaks that Hoag found herself trading speeches with no-one.

"That's where it got to be it's most challenging," she commented. "It was a different way of working completely, just extra make pretend."

Luckily for Judith, the sewers she spent a lot of time in were not real.

"We had this incredible maze of



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sewers that they built," she said.

"These would be filled with water, and you would walk through them with junk up to your knees. You really got the feeling that you were in the sewer, and that's gross. I expected rats to run by at any moment."

You can catch these mean green fighting machines on video this December for rent or purchase for a recommended retail price of \$29.95.

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The whole gang

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